

Reply to Office Action of 08/15/2005
Amendment Dated: November 13, 2005

Appl. No.: 09/987,527
Attorney Docket No.: CSCO-013/4846

REMARKS

Claims 1-66 were examined in the office action mailed on August 15 2005 ("Outstanding Office Action"). Applicants note with appreciation that claims 1-10, 40-46 and 47-56 were allowed, and that claims 16-18, 20, 26-29, 35-37, 39, 62-64 and 66 would
5 be allowable if written in independent claim format.

By virtue of the foregoing amendments, the specification is sought to be amended to fix various typographical errors, claims 11, 19, 21, 22, 30, 31, 38, 52 and 58 are sought to be amended, and claims 20, 39 and 66 are sought to be canceled. The amendments and cancellations are believed not to introduce new subject matter, and their entry is respectfully
10 requested. Claims 1-19, 21-38 and 40-65 are pending after entry of this paper.

With respect to the rejected independent claim 11, it is noted that the claim is amended to recite that "... cause said network device to replace said old address with said new address or said new address with said old address in a packet,...", and is thus believed to be allowable over the art of record.

15 Amended independent claims 30, 38, and 57 are also believed to be allowable for similar reasons.

Previously rejected independent claim 19 has been amended to include the features of previously dependent claim 20 (now canceled), which has been indicated to be allowable. Thus, amended independent claim 19 also is believed to be in condition for allowance.

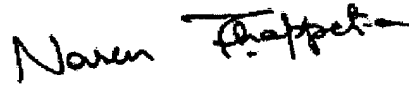
20 Amended independent claims 38 and 66 are also allowable for similar reasons. The dependent claim are allowable at least as depending from an allowable base claim. Thus, all the pending claims are believed to be allowable over the art of record.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at 707.356.4172 if it is believed that an interview might be useful for any reason.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Naren Thappeta". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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